

## **Arsht-Cannon Fund Awards \$554,050 to Latino-serving Partners Statewide**

The Arsht-Cannon Fund (ACF) at the Delaware Community Foundation has awarded \$554,050 in 2021-22 grants to support 30 non-profit programs that improve the lives of Latinos – and all Delawareans.

With the ACF mission to provide educational opportunities to Hispanic Delawareans, grants were given to support lifelong language and literacy learning (\$70,000); pre-K through career/college preparation (\$150,000); arts and cultural education (\$27,450); health education (\$74,600); educational advocacy (\$72,000) and community collaborative programs (\$160,000).

“Despite the multiple challenges and hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic, Delaware’s non-profits are coming out of the last 18 months with a better understanding of the Latino youth and adults they strive to support and of the strategies needed to extend their reach and ultimate success.” stated Dr. Christine Cannon, Executive Director, ACF.

**First-time ACF Planning Grants** were given 16 nonprofits to develop and pilot strategies that will expand program access to Latino children and families throughout Delaware. These grants support nonprofits focused on integrating culturally- and linguistically-relevant approaches within their successful education-based programs. Funding supports team planning and often, the hiring of bilingual staff. The outcomes – the lives of more Latinos are changed forever.

**English as a Second Language (ESL) Network – \$4000** for eight La Colectiva de Delaware programs transitioning during COVID-19

**Read Aloud Delaware -- \$25,000** for bilingual Lena Start programs

**Choir School of Wilmington -- \$15,000** for their afterschool program

**Christiana Care’s Gene Editing Institute -- \$20,000** for Seeds for STEM high school program

**Delaware College Scholars --\$25,000** to recruit Latino students from Kent and Sussex Counties

**Delaware Shakespeare -- \$15,000** for statewide community tours of “A Bilingual Twelfth Night”

**Supporting KIDDS -- \$35,000** for its’ Delaware Latino Community Grief Support pilot expansion to Sussex County

**Hispanic American Association of Delaware -- \$17,600** for Amigas Activas y Saludables program in New Castle County

**ACLU of DE -- \$6,000** for promotion / availability in English of “Entre Nosotr@s” radio program

**Ongoing and Successful ACF Program Grants** (intermittently funded within the last few years) continue to maintain and expand a variety of education-based programs (language, literacy, kindergarten through college readiness, arts, advocacy, and family support and navigation). Funding maintains consistent program quality, growth and impact by supporting bilingual staffing and needed resources. These grants include:

**Literacy Delaware -- \$15,500** for their ESL Program and tutor training in southern Delaware

**Reading Assist Institute -- \$25,000** for Reading Assist Intervention Program at Las Americas Aspira Academy and Sussex Montessori

**Rodel Foundation of Delaware -- \$25,000** for Delaware Readiness Teams' Latino community engagement

**TeenSHARP -- \$40,000** for the Striver Program for Latino students in New Castle County

**The Delaware Contemporary -- \$6,000** for Building a Creative Future: Creatives 2 Initiative's Latino arts career scholarship program

**Rodel Foundation of Delaware -- \$41,000** for Advancing Education Funding Equity for English Learners program

**Delaware Campaign for Achievement Now -- \$25,000** for Juntos Delaware

**First State Community Action Agency -- \$71,400** (given in early 2021) to the Sussex County Relief Program

**La Esperanza Community Center -- \$65,000** for the Resource Navigation and Family Coaching Program

**Latino Partnership Grants** support critically-important programs that have adapted with the needs and growth of Delaware's immigrant families over the last 7-10 years. The Arsht-Cannon Fund has consistently supported these partners:

**Polytech Adult Education -- \$25,393** for the Family Literacy Program in Kent County

**National Alliance for Mental Illness – Delaware -- \$22,000** for the Hispanic Services Initiative

**Friends of the Milton Public Library, the Dover Public Library and the Route 9 Library and Innovation Center -- \$6,450** to plan and provide the annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations

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